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Report of Town Treasurer.

Treasurer in Account with the Town of Amherst :—

Dr.—To balance in Treasury March 1st, 1875,	$1,376 55	
In collector's hands, 1874,	1,200 00	
Taxes assessed,	7,827 68	
Insurance Tax,	7 50	
Railroad Tax,	562 13	
Literary Fund,	117 82	
Savings Bank Tax,	1,918 75	
Interest on Taxes, for 1874,	20 28	
Interest on Taxes, for 1875,	19 65	
J. B. Fay, for rent of Town Hall,	117 78	
J. B. Fay, lots sold in Cemetery,	20 40	
Interest from Lawrence Fund,	70 00	
Received of A. P. Shepherd,	10 70	
Received of Liquor Agent,	175 00	
Received of Henry Wheeler, for old Engine House,	11 00	
Borrowed Money,	100 00	
		$13,555 24

Cr.—By Cash Paid out as Follows :

State Tax,	$1,852 00	
County Tax,	953 82	
Schools,	2,754 90	
School House Tax,	100 00	
Town Officers,	1,061 00	
Fire Department,	384 98	
Miscellaneous,	2,020 98	
Snow Bills,	452 33	
Roads and Bridges,	1,038 32	
Principal and Interest,	738 37	
N. H. Asylum,	109 41	
Aid to Mrs. Aiken,	44 50	
Aid to E. Ellenwood,	10 00	
In hands of Collector, 1874,	376 30	
In hands of Collector, 1875,	1,457 80	
Supt. of Town Farm, cash paid out,	14 00	
Paid I. H. Holt, Supt.,	98 48	
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	88 05	
		$13,555 24

SCHOOLS.

Edwin R. Burtt, District No. 1,			$922 32	
Cornelius Brannan,	"	2, 122,39,extra 90,00,	212 39	
Miles J. Merrill,	"	3,	286 98	
N. P. Batchelder,	"	4,	185 70	
J. A. Ober,	"	5,	211 24	
James M. Jackson,	"	6,	181 09	
H. H. Parkhurst,	"	7,	194 88	
H. W. Secombe,	"	8,	145 53	
H. Plummer,	"	9,	214 66	
A. E. Chickering,	"	10,	129 90	
W. H. Patterson,	"	11,	39 40	
H. S. Fields,	"	12,	30 81	
				$2,754 90

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

B. R. Came, District No. 5,		$100 00

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

A. T. Rideout,	$19 50	
Merrill Fletcher,	78 00	
G. H. Shaw,	69 42	
E. F. McAlvin,	31 20	
Chester Shipley,	510 25	
William Noyes,	30 00	
		$738 37

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. A. Rotch, for Enginemen,	$120 00	
Hunniman & Co. for new hose,	172 97	
Repairing hose,	14 50	
R. T. Knight and F. C. Taylor, oiling hose and oil,	16 65	
F. P. Phelps, repairing Engine House roof,	2 50	
Refreshments for Milford Engine Co. No. 3,	12 63	
Services of Firewards, and money paid out,	25 40	
J. B. Fay, Steward,	20 33	
		$384 98

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John Samson,	$17 74
C. C. Twiss,	14 00
L. Coggin,	41 17
C. S. White,	21 94
L. F. Bills,	17 70

J. Cochran,	50 87	
S. H. Hill, (land damage)	75 00	
J. F. Bills,	2 00	
W. H. Hubbard,	1 00	
J. Upton,	7 61	
D. A. Peabody,	163 22	
J. S. Parkhurst,	88 15	
I. P. Weston,	2 00	
A. Stevens,	57 08	
H. Wheeler,	24 73	
J. H. Upham,	33 41	
J. M. Prince,	30 25	
H. M. Parker,	9 71	
N. M. Melendy,	18 00	
C. French,	6 00	
F. W. Chase,	21 00	
J. G. Heseltine,	10 88	
B. B. Whiting,	7 50	
H. S. Gilson, Bridge Plank,	9 12	
T. Jones, drawing Bridge Plank,	1 25	
H. W. Secombe, for gravel,	5 00	
D. W. Trow,	8 85	
J. E. Fowle,	2 39	
S. Wilkins,	92 00	
B. B. Whiting, Plank for Bridge,	41 98	
J. U. Prince, Bridge Timber,	35 00	
J. Hartshorn, Bridge Plank,	35 01	
A. P. Brown,	9 52	
J. B. Upham,	29 44	
D. A. Peabody,	4 50	
T. M. Harvell,	43 30	
	———	$1,038 32

PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

H. E. Woodberry, goods for E. Ellenwood,	$10 00	
B. R. Came, wood for Mrs. Aiken,	29 50	
J. F. Osgood, Wood for Mrs. Aiken,	15 00	
N. H. Asylum for E. P. Shepherd's board,	109 41	
Supt. of Town Farm, cash paid out,	10 00	
Manchester City Farm, boarding H. Shahan,	4 00	
	———	$177 91

SNOW BILLS.

C. C. Twiss,	$7 35
C. T. Hall,	11 60
John Gould,	31 40

E. M. Holt,	20 50
A. B. Woodward,	7 00
F. Wright,	13 49
C. Converse,	21 60
F. A. Holbrook,	8 60
W. H. Patterson,	15 00
I. P. Weston,	4 00
B. R. Came,	12 00
J. A. Ober,	13 30
F. A. Noyes,	17 20
D. A. Peabody,	20 20
B. B. Whiting,	8 40
C. S. Parker,	19 40
John Wallace,	14 60
T. M. Harvell,	28 95
W. H. Hubbard,	27 00
C. P. Wheeler,	17 10
C. S. White,	12 25
A. Stephens,	20 90
W. B. Sargent,	22 60
D. W. Trow,	10 40
J. E. Fowle,	6 44
S. Wilkins,	5 00
O. N. Willoby,	3 00
J. Upton,	2 90
H. M. Parker,	80
J. Hartshorn,	7 76
J. P. Trow,	2 00
L. Coggin,	1 75
N. M. Melendy,	10 40
J. B. Upham,	17 10
I. B. Dodge,	7 10
T. M. Harvell,	3 24
	——$452 33

TOWN OFFICERS.

B. R. Came,	Selectmen.	$150 00
Tho's Jones,		130 00
Aaron S. Wilkins,		115 00
F. K. Boutelle, Collector,		100 00
R. T. Knight, Treasurer,		50 00
A. A. Rotch, Town Clerk,		65 00
B. H. Bartlett, Sup't of Schools,		90 00
B. H. Bartlett. Moderator,		5 00
G. W. Bosworth, & H. E. Woodberry, Auditors,		6 00
H. W. Marvell, Police,		8 00
F. P. Phelps, Police,		7 00

B. R. Came,		100 00
Tho's Jones,	Assessors.	100 00
Aaron S. Wilkins		100 00
Overseers of the Poor,		35 00
		——$1,061 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mark Putman, sheep killed by dogs in 1874,	15 00
William Noyes, sheep killed by dogs in 1874,	10 00
Warren Rhodes, sheep killed by dogs in 1874,	15 00
A. P. Shepherd, sheep maimed by dogs in 1874,	4 00
Thomas Saunders, Repairs on Town House,	21 00
Thomas Saunders, Meals Furnished to Tramps,	8 00
Joel F. Osgood Jr., Repairs on Town House,	5 35
Henry W. Marvell, Labor on Park,	3 50
I. J. Burns, Furniture for Town Farm,	41 00
Gray & Howard, Goods for Town Farm,	20 58
E. M. Holt, Digging Graves,	4 00
B. R. Came, Expenses to Insane Asylum,	4 00
E. C. Batchelder,	16 24
A. J. Kidder, Work in Grave Yard, etc.,	21 10
H. E. Woodberry, Oil & Lead,	47 10
B. R. Came, Wood for Town House,	20 00
J. P. Nourse, Lumber and Labor,	17 68
H. E. Woodberry, Crockery for Town Farm,	25 64
Edwin Finity, Gilding and Numbering Clock,	55 00
T. B. Dearborn, Record of Births,	2 50
Boylston & Rotch, Printing, Advertising etc.,	69 00
McKay & Wilkins, Painting Steeple at Church,	107 57
A. T. Rideout, Sawing wood at Town House,	7 50
Henry M. Parker, Wood for Town House,	3 00
D. H. Rhodes & Melendy, work in Grave Yard,	12 50
J. Knight, Building Grave Yard Fence,	120 44
B. R. Came, Sundry bills paid,	6 34
Stationery, Copying etc.,	30 46
William Melendy, Injuries received on Highway,	300 00
F. S. Hutchinson, damage to Sleigh,	6 00
L. F. Bills, damages to Wagon,	10 00
D. Colby, damage on Wagon,	3 25
Dr. Hinds, Record of Births,	1 50
D. D. McKean, repairing Chairs at Town Hall,	4 85
R. T. Knight, taking care of Town Clock,	15 25
R. T. Knight, exp'es to Concord, Manchester, Nashua,	16 00
J. Carleton, repairs on Town Clock,	1 00
J. B. Fay, Kitchen furniture for Town Farm,	22 41
J. B. Fay, Undertaker's bill,	124 75
J. B. Fay, Sundry bills at Town House,	81 00
H. Eaton, repairs on Town House,	15 25
E. S. Cutter, examining title to Town House,	9 00

H. H. Parkhurst, Key for Lobby,	1 00	
Dr. B. H. Bartlett, medical attendence & medicines,	29 75	
Dr. B. H. Bartlett, printing School notices, etc.,	12 10	
L. F. Bills, returning Engine to Milford.	3 00	
H. W. Marvell, furnishing meals for Tramps,	6 00	
A. A. Rotch, labor on inventory, book, etc.,	12 40	
Thomas Jones, expenses to Concord,	3 00	
B. B. David, and others, watering places,	38 00	
P. Dodge, account of Insurance,	6 74	
Witness fees and expenses, in Fairfield case,	136 62	
Discount of Taxes for 1875,	170 34	
Abatements on Taxes for 1875,	186 85	
Non-residents, highway receipts for 1875,	57 69	
Non-residents, highway receipts for 1874,	14 28	
Abatements for 1874,	19 42	
		$2,020 98

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of notes against the Town,		$3,902 00
In collector's hands,	$1,834 10	
In Liquor Agent's hands,	407 79	
In treasury,	88 05	
		$2,329 94
Total debt of the town,		$1,572 06

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT T. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

AMHERST, MARCH 2d, 1876.—We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

PERLEY DODGE, }
H. E. WOODBERRY. } AUDITORS.

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town House and Lot, estimated value,	$10,000 00	
Stoves, furniture and fixtures in town house,	500 00	
Town farm and buildings,	8,000 00	
Personal property at farm,	2,500 00	
Engine house and lot,	1,700 00	
Stoves and fixtures in engine house,	150 00	
2 fire engines,	875 00	
1 hose carriage,	50 00	
850 feet hose,	850 00	
Hearse and house,	700 00	
Soldiers' Monument,	4,500 00	
Town clock and bell,	1,000 00	
2 Safes,	150 00	
1 Road Plow,	15 00	
		$30,990 00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1876.

EXPENDITURES.

1875.		
Mar. 8,	Mary Woods, for labor,	$2 00
" 11,	Hog,	14 00
" 11,	Vinegar,	70
" 12,	Mug for Lewis Stiles,	13
" 15,	Paper Pins,	06
" 17,	Mrs. Wheeler, labor,	4 00
" 18,	Tobacco,	85
" 18,	Barrel of flour,	7 84
" 22,	1-2 Pint of camphor,	35
" 22,	1-2 Pint of whiskey,	25
" 22,	1 Pint of gin,	75
" 22,	1 Bottle liniment,	50
" 22,	Oxen,	195 00
" 26,	Webb sheeting,	3 80
" 26,	3 Yards cotton cloth,	27
" 26,	1 1-2 Yards print,	14
" 26,	6 Spools thread,	36
" 27,	1-2 Ton shorts,	16 00
" 27,	100 Lbs. Middlings,	1 85
" 27,	1 Box raisins,	3 92
" 27,	2 Buckets,	90
" 27,	20 Lbs. granulated sugar,	2 30
" 27,	20 Lbs. brown sugar,	2 00
" 27,	4 Lbs. currants,	48
" 29,	J. Knight's, filing saws,	50
" 29,	Oysters,	20
Apr. 5,	Grinding corn,	1 00
" 5,	Coffee,	2 10
" 5,	Mustard,	28
" 5,	Whip,	50
" 5,	Shoeing 1 horse,	1 12
" 5,	Filing saw,	10
" 6,	Clothes Basket,	1 00
" 6,	5 Dozen clothes pins,	20
" 6,	Wood saw and frame,	1 40
" 6,	Tub Butter,	8 40

"	10,	Susanna Lakeman, labor,	7 00
"	10,	Instrument for Mrs. Bacon,	1 25
"	10,	Car fare to Nashua for the Town,	50
"	10,	Express for Mrs. Bacon's instrument,	15
"	12,	1 Lb. of Tobacco,	75
"	12,	5 Lbs. oat meal,	25
"	12,	1-2 Doz. lamp wicks,	05
"	12,	Mop,	18
"	15,	Fish,	60
"	15,	Cow,	70 00
"	15,	Crackers,	25
"	16,	Fish,	80
"	16,	20 lbs. sugar,	2 00
"	16,	Soap,	24
"	16,	Cheese,	40
"	17,	1000 Lbs. shorts,	16 00
"	18,	Nails,	65
"	17,	Paper for curtains,	50
"	17,	Overalls for Jewett,	1 00
"	17,	John Taylor, for labor,	5 00
"	19,	Alonzo Shepard,	6 50
"	20,	Shoeing horse,	1 10
"	20,	2 Lbs. sulphur,	20
"	20,	Condition powders,	25
"	20,	Salt Petre,	10
"	22,	Tripe,	60
"	22,	Horse Radish,	12
"	23,	Kerosene,	10
"	24,	Katie Moore, labor,	5 00
"	26,	Weighing Oxen,	10
"	26,	Shoeing,	1 50
"	27,	Scrub brush,	30
"	27,	Rice,	48
"	27,	Slippery elm,	02
"	27,	Sheep and lamb,	5 00
"	29,	John Taylor, labor,	10 00
"	29,	Katie Moore, labor,	54
"	29,	Oysters,	20
"	29,	Crackers,	15
"	29,	Granville Parker, for book,	75
May	1,	Manure fork,	1 50
"	4,	Bag meal,	1 95
"	6,	100 Lbs. bran,	1 60
"	6,	200 Lbs. bran,	3 20
"	6,	Sugar,	55
"	6,	Mrs. Scullery for labor,	1 04
"	6,	Loaf graham bread,	10
"	6,	Barrel flour,	8 25

" 8,	2 Bags meal,	3 90
" 8,	Looking glasses and cord,	2 40
" 10,	Bag meal,	1 95
" 10,	100 Lbs. bran,	1 60
" 10,	Katie Moore, labor,	4 46
" 11,	2 Bags meal,	3 90
" 11,	1-4 Gallon axle oil,	50
" 13,	Seeds,	50
" 13,	2 Bags meal,	3 90
" 13,	100 Lbs. shorts,	1 60
" 13,	Roll tape,	10
" 13,	Bushel potatoes,	80
" 15,	100 Lbs. bran,	1 60
" 15,	10 Gallons molasses,	7 00
" 15,	2 Bags meal,	3 90
" 15,	Nails,	50
" 12,	Sadie Sargent, labor,	2 50
" 15,	John Taylor, labor,	11 00
" 18,	2 Bags meal,	3 80
" 19,	Seeds,	35
" 19,	Soap,	20
" 19,	Blueing,	10
" 19,	Elastic,	15
" 19,	Tobacco,	25
" 20,	Fish,	64
" 20,	Horse Radish,	12
" 21,	Bag of Meal,	1 90
" 21,	100 Lbs. bran,	1 60
" 21,	Butter,	2 00
" 24,	1 1-4 Bushels seeds,	3 75
" 24,	2 1-2 Bushels red top,	2 81
" 24,	24 Lbs. clover,	3 12
" 24,	7 Bushels oats,	5 60
" 24,	5 Bags meal,	9 25
" 24,	4 Qts. oats,	12
" 24,	Rice,	50
" 24,	Cheese,	35
" 24,	Soap,	24
" 24,	Curry Comb,	50
" 24,	Salt Petre,	06
" 25,	Meat,	65
" 25,	Lemons,	15
" 27,	Seed,	1 18
" 28,	86 Lbs. shorts,	1 33
" 28,	Barrel of flour,	8 50
" 28,	Carrot seed,	40
" 28,	Tripe,	50

" 29,	Wormwood and alcohol,	38
" 29,	Seeds,	20
" 29,	21 Lbs. Sugar,	1 89
" 29.	1 Lb. tobacco,	62
" 29,	2 Qts. oil,	10
June 2,	Tripe,	60
" 2,	Butter,	1 80
" 2,	Vinegar,	35
" 3,	Tripe and Fish,	90
" 3,	John Taylor,	6 00
" 5,	Meat,	88
" 9,	Butter,	5 92
" 9,	Medicine,	1 70
" 10,	Tripe and fish,	96
" 12,	100 Lbs. bran,	1 50
" 12,	Shearing sheep,	75
" 12,	1 Bag meal,	1 85
" 12,	Sadie Sargent, labor,	10 00
" 12,	Hat for Josiah Jewett,	30
" 14,	Bristol brick,	10
" 14,	Ginger,	35
" 14,	Starch,	20
" 18,	Table cloths,	3 45
" 18,	Bed Ticking,	8 33
" 18,	Towels,	1 19
" 21,	Brogans for Jewett,	1 50
" 22,	Tobacco,	97
" 22,	Meat,	80
" 25,	George Carter's Bill,	15 66
" 25,	Gilson's bill,	8 45
" 25,	Tripe,	55
" 25,	Fish,	15
" 25,	Lemons,	30
" 25,	Strawberries,	25
" 25,	John Taylor, labor,	20 00
" 26,	Sadie Sargent, labor,	5 00
" 28,	Screening,	95
" 28,	Carpet thread,	50
" 28,	Gin,	48
" 28,	Cabbage plants,	3 20
" 28,	Pepper,	06
" 28,	Soap,	22
" 28,	Crackers,	25
" 30,	Jointing and planing boards,	5 00
July 2,	Slippers, Mr. Read,	1 35
" 6,	Sugar,	2 87
" 7,	Butter,	14 55

" 7,	Tobacco,	62
" 9,	Suit for Jewett,	10 00
" 9,	1 Jumper for Jewett,	1 00
" 9,	Cap for Jewett,	1 25
" 9,	Suspenders,	25
" 9,	Crackers,	25
" 9,	Tripe,	60
" 10,	Salts,	15
" 10,	Sadie Sargent, labor,	5 00
" 10,	John Taylor, "	10 00
" 12,	Tripe and fish,	80
" 12,	Strawberries,	20
" 12,	Set of table screens,	1 00
" 12	Netting,	40
" 12,	Netting and blueing,	24
" 13,	Handkerchiefs for Mrs. Bacon,	40
" 13,	Nutmegs,	13
" 13,	Meat,	74
" 15,	Paper for Curtains,	64
" 15,	Rivets,	13
" 15,	Shoeing Oxen,	1 50
" 15,	Tripe and Fish,	74
" 15,	Weighing Oxen,	10
" 17,	Salt,	30
" 20,	Putty,	05
" 20,	Hammer,	75
" 20,	Strap,	25
" 20,	Meat,	65
" 23,	Tripe,	50
" 23,	Fish,	75
" 24,	Meat,	1 28
" 24,	John Taylor, labor,	4 00
" 26,	Cheese,	46
" 26,	Meat,	98
" 29,	Fish,	25
" 31,	Rolls,	5 00
Aug. 3,	Cow,	70 00
" 4,	Meat,	1 10
" 4,	John Taylor, labor,	30 00
" 5,	Tripe,	80
" 7,	Meat,	90
" 7,	Flour,	8 75
" 7,	Sugar,	2 30
" 9,	Tobacco,	40
" 9,	Lemons,	29
" 14,	Meat,	83
" 14,	Lime,	1 10

"	16,	Horn,	20
"	16,	Crackers,	26
"	16,	Tripe,	50
"	16,	John Taylor, labor,	2 00
"	17,	Thomas Eustace,	10
"	21,	Gin,	60
"	21,	Meat,	1 25
"	25,	George Carter's bill,	11 38
"	25,	John Taylor, labor,	5 00
"	25,	James Shea, for labor,	1 00
"	26,	Paper,	45
"	26,	Meat and Tripe,	1 42
"	27,	Medicine and Essence,	2 50
"	28,	Meat,	83
"	28,	Sponge,	20
"	28,	Coffee,	1 35
"	31,	Tripe,	63
"	31,	Rice,	90
"	31,	Medicine,	50
"	31,	Buttons, thread, tape and comb,	55
Sept.	2,	Tripe and fish,	83
"	2,	Meat,	53
"	3,	Tapioca,	33
"	4,	Lime,	3 20
"	4,	John Taylor, labor,	10 00
"	6,	Meat,	98
"	9,	Tripe, fish and oysters,	1 50
"	11,	Coffee,	90
"	11,	Repairing clock,	1 00
"	11,	Meat,	1 12
"	13,	Tea,	2 75
"	19,	Granulated sugar,	1 70
"	13,	Brown sugar,	2 50
"	13,	Kerosene oil,	09
"	14,	2 Whitewash brushes,	2 25
"	15,	Tobacco,	30
"	15,	Looking glass,	99
"	16,	Fish, tripe and oysters,	1 50
"	16,	Fish,	40
"	18,	Meat,	1 18
"	18,	Frank Lamson, labor,	1 50
"	18,	2 Gallons molasses,	1 30
"	18,	2 Lbs. coffee,	80
"	20,	Oil cloth,	1 95
"	20,	Lemons,	12
"	20,	Peppers,	16
"	24,	Fish and tripe,	1 00

"	26, Meat,	90
"	28, Meat,	75
"	28, Lamp chimney,	10
"	28, Oil,	09
Oct.	2, Print,	3 13
"	2, Cotton batting,	90
"	2, Yarn,	10
"	2, Thread,	12
"	4, Meat,	55
"	4, Lamp chimney,	10
"	7, Fish, tripe and oysters,	1 45
"	8, Meat,	1 65
"	9, Peaches,	75
"	9, Butter,	70
"	11, Putty,	50
"	11, Meat,	55
"	11, Repairing wagon,	83
"	11, Mrs. Read for labor,	20 64
"	11, Harness,	40 00
"	11, Buck,	15 00
"	12, Meat,	1 00
"	12, Cheese,	72
"	12, Cotton batting,	1 33
"	12, I. P. Holt, labor in haying,	37 70
"	13, Fruit jars,	1 50
"	13, Butter,	1 58
"	13, Castile soap,	10
"	15, Meat,	95
"	18, John Taylor, labor,	10 50
"	18, Castor Oil,	15
"	18, Alum,	05
"	19, Butter,	2 61
"	19, Coffee,	1 68
"	19, Tobacco,	30
"	19, Meat,	1 40
"	21, Fish, oysters,	1 44
"	23, Pork,	54
"	27, Butter and meat,	2 55
"	28, Fish,	50
"	30, Meat,	98
"	30, Soap,	40
"	30, Tobacco,	40
Nov.	1, Meat,	1 05
"	4, Fish and oysters,	1 40
"	6, Meat,	95
"	11, John Taylor, labor,	65 00
"	11, Fish,	25

"	12,	Meat,	1 76
"	15,	Oil,	24
"	16,	Meat,	1 18
"	18,	Meat,	55
"	19,	Camphor,	40
"	19,	Oil,	20
"	19,	Pork,	38
"	21,	Pasturing cows,	29 00
"	21,	9287 Lbs. shorts at $23 65 cents per ton,	208 81
"	21,	Cheese,	18
"	21,	Tobacco,	15
"	26,	Cloth for Hannah Sheehan,	2 51
"	27,	Meat,	1 23
"	30,	Sugar,	2 30
"	31,	2 Lbs. Coffee,	90
"	31,	Soap,	20
"	31,	Gin,	60
"	31,	Castor oil,	35
"	31,	Nails,	16
Dec.	1,	Fish,	1 10
"	1,	Crackers,	25
"	2,	Paper pins,	06
"	4,	Meat,	80
"	4,	Kerosene,	45
"	7,	Shirts for Mr. Eustace,	4 00
"	8,	Tea,	1 70
"	8,	Salt,	55
"	8,	Axe handle,	40
"	8,	Tobacco,	10
"	11,	Coffee,	90
"	11,	Tobacco,	10
"	11,	Shoeing horse,	90
"	11,	Combs,	45
"	11,	Alcohol,	25
"	13,	J. E. Bruce's bill,	17 47
"	14,	Meat,	1 07
"	14,	Mrs. Read, for labor,	25 00
"	14,	Coffee,	50
"	14,	Oat meal,	28
"	14,	Repairing clock,	75
"	17,	Spikes, saltpetre, tacks, tobacco,	2 74
"	21,	Print and cotton batting,	1 29
"	22,	Barrel of flour,	9 25
"	22,	Coffee,	1 90
"	22,	Cheese,	94
"	23,	Tea and fish,	1 10
"	24,	Coffee,	50

"	24,	Car fare to Nashua,	50
"	29,	1 Axe,	1 15
1876			
Jan.	4,	1 Axe handle,	30
"	5,	1 Axe handle,	40
"	5,	Filing saw,	35
"	5,	Cloth for Hannah Sheehan,	36
"	8,	James Shea, labor,	27 00
"	10,	Cloth for Hannah Sheehan,	90
"	10,	Stockings and handkerchiefs for Sheehan,	50
"	10,	A. A. Gilson's bill,	9 50
"	10,	Gilbert Small's bill,	17 30
"	15,	Fish and crackers,	75
"	15,	Horse Blanket,	2 00
"	17,	Express on Erastus Shepherd's property,	80
"	19,	Kerosene,	36
"	19,	Tobacco,	35
"	21,	Hinges and nails,	28
"	21,	Filing saw,	10
"	26,	Ink,	10
"	26,	Filing saws,	30
"	26,	Saw Frames,	20
"	26,	Filing saw,	20
"	29,	George Carter's bill,	36 86
"	29,	H. E. Woodberry's bill,	1 94
Feb.	1,	Sugar,	2 99
"	1,	Nutmegs,	35
"	4,	Tea and fish,	2 80
"	4,	Gin,	75
"	4,	Thread,	14
"	7,	Chimneys,	30
"	12,	Meat,	75
"	12,	Bruce's bill,	9 15
"	12,	Pants, vests &c., for Ellinwood,	7 25
"	12,	Fish,	75
"	14,	H. E. Woodberry's bill,	3 78
"	15,	James Webster, for labor,	5 97
"	15,	1 Quire paper,	35
"	16,	Mrs. Read, for labor,	42 86
"	16,	Walter Read,	1 00
"	17,	Tea,	2 12
"	18,	Mucilege,	20
"	18,	Tobacco,	40
"	21,	Lamp chimney and burner,	50
"	21,	Hoe,	90
"	21,	Butter bill,	26 40
"	25,	Shorts,	16 26

" 25,	Grinding corn,	12 66	
" 25,	Work on and stock for pump,	7 78	
" 28,	Lumber,	4 40	
" 28,	Repairing wagon,	2 30	
" 28,	Vinegar,	2 40	
" 28,	Use of boar,	1 00	
" 28,	Work on the house,	4 75	
" 28,	H. E. Woodberry's bill,	183 30	
" 28,	I. H. Holt's salary,	375 00	
" 28,	Frank Wilkins, carrying milk,	39 40	
" 28,	H. E. Woodberry's bill,	41 87	
			$2,365 03

RECEIPTS.

1875.			
Mar. 18,	31 Bushels Potatoes,	24 80	
" 18,	Cabbages,	50	
" 18,	Eggs,	85	
" 18,	1 Bushel Potatoes,	80	
" 26,	1 " "	80	
" 27,	35 " "	28 80	
Apr. 6,	1 Calf,	1 00	
" 6,	Eggs,	50	
" 6,	Use of Bull,	75	
" 6,	Ephraim Blake's Bill,	1 00	
" 7,	Pork,	1 00	
" 7,	Milk Bill,	108 45	
" 10,	Yarn,	57	
" 12,	Yarn,	42	
" 16,	Calf Skin,	50	
" 16,	Eggs,	1 40	
" 16,	Bushel Potatoes,	80	
" 19,	Alonzo Shepard's Bill,	5 26	
" 23,	2 Bushels Potatoes,	1 60	
" 29,	1 Pig,	5 00	
" 29,	Keeping G. Parker' sTurkeys,	1 00	
May 5,	2 Pigs,	10 00	
" 6,	Eggs,	3 00	
" 8,	Use of Bull,	1 50	
" 10,	Keeping 1 Cow,	50	
" 12,	Bushel Potatoes,	80	
" 13,	" "	80	
" 13,	6 " "	4 80	
" 14,	Hay,	7 00	
" 15,	"	20 00	

" 15,	Milk Bill,	120 45
" 18,	Bushel Potatoes,	80
" 19,	Use of Bull,	75
" 20,	Oxen,	220 00
" 24,	3 Bushels Potatoes,	2 40
" 24,	3 " "	2 55
" 24,	7 " "	5 25
" 24,	1 " "	80
" 24,	6 Doz. Eggs,	1 02
" 24,	20 Lbs. Pork,	3 00
" 30,	Use of Bull,	75
June 2,	8 Doz. Eggs,	1 28
" 8,	Lambs,	40 00
" 9,	Rolls,	50
" 10,	Use of Bull,	75
" 12,	Use of Boar,	1 00
" 14,	Shearing Sheep,	25
" 14,	Seed Corn,	25
" 16,	Milk Bill,	107 00
" 24,	Use of Grove,	13 00
" 28,	Lambs,	10 00
July 6,	Eggs,	1 10
" 8,	Milk Bill,	88 51
" 14,	Hay,	16 00
" 31,	Potatoes,	7 75
" 31,	Potatoes,	2 00
Aug. 2,	Cow,	55 00
" 7,	Grove,	6 00
" 7,	Milk Bill,	87 06
" 20,	Walter Read's Board,	8 00
" 21,	Calf,	1 50
" 21,	Use of Boar,	1 00
" 25,	Use of Grove,	6 00
" 25,	Keeping horses,	5 00
Sept. 2,	Milk money,	88 20
" 2,	Boarding pedlar,	1 00
" 3,	Trees,	6 00
" 14,	Butter,	66
" 14,	Grove,	5 00
" 14,	Putting up horses,	3 30
" 15,	Lambs,	5 40
" 20,	Pigs,	3 00
" 28,	Potatoes,	2 50
Oct. 1,	Walter Read's board,	10 00
" 5,	Rolls,	1 50
" 5,	Rolls,	3 00
" 9,	Milk bill,	79 98

" 9,	Rolls,	1 50
" 9,	Calf skin,	40
" 13,	Potatoes,	2 60
" 18,	Boarding pedlar,	21 00
" 30,	Rolls,	1 50
" 30,	Calves,	4 50
Nov. 5,	Cabbages,	2 00
" 6,	Cabbages,	2 00
" 6,	Cabbages,	50
" 6,	Rolls,	1 50
" 21,	Rent on Bacon house,	24 00
Oct. 20,	Cow to Wm. Ramsdell,	52 50
Nov. 10,	Walter Read's board,	10 00
" 19,	Rolls,	75
" 19,	Hog,	51 72
" 19,	Killing 1 hog,	50
" 20,	Walnuts,	1 50
" 30,	Beans,	4 50
" 31,	Milk money,	71 00
Dec. 4,	Calf skin,	80
" 4,	Rolls,	1 50
" 8,	Killing hog,	50
" 9,	Pasturing sheep,	1 00
" 11,	Pasturing sheep,	1 25
" 11,	Walnuts,	2 00
" 14,	Walter Read's board,	10 00
" 17,	Mrs. N. B. Freemen's board,	20 07
" 17,	Milk money,	70 07
" 22,	Beef,	16 32
" 22,	Hide of cow,	4 09
" 22,	Potatoes,	1 00
" 30,	Rolls,	1 50
1876.		
Jan. 8,	Milk bill,	74 91
" 10,	Rolls,	75
" 15,	Killing 2 hogs,	1 00
" 19,	Use of bull,	75
" 19,	Walter Read's board,	10 00
" 29,	Milk money,	77 44
" 29,	Cash received,	3 00
Feb. 1,	Beans,	3 94
" 3,	Chickens,	6 20
" 3,	Rolls, 2 lbs.	1 50
" 4,	Potatoes,	12 00
" 9,	Potatoes,	5 00
" 9,	Hog,	33 55
" 9,	Chickens,	3 60

" 9,	Eggs,	30	
" 10,	Bull,	40 00	
" 10,	Walnuts,	5 50	
" 15,	Use of bull,	75	
" 15,	Burning walnut tree,	8 00	
" 15,	Cabbages,	9 00	
" 15,	Use of bull,	75	
" 16,	Walter Read's board,	8 00	
" 17,	Trunk,	1 25	
" 19,	Rolls,	75	
" 19,	Use of bull,	5 50	
" 21,	Hay,	13 75	
" 21,	Walnuts,	5 00	
" 21,	Use of bull,	75	
" 26,	Rent on Beacon house,	17 73	
" 26,	Mrs. N. B. Freeman's board,	22 73	
" 28,	Use of bull,	11 75	
" 28,	Killing 3 hogs and 1 cow,	2 00	
" 28,	1 Peck grass seed,	75	
" 28,	Money received from Mr.Ellinwood for milk,	81 87	
" 28,	Pig,	10 00	
" 28,	Day's work and team,	3 00	
" 28,	Killing 2 hogs and beef,	1 75	
" 28,	Keeping sheep,	1 50	
" 28,	Hay,	11 00	
" 28,	2 Milk bills,	125 00	
			$2,266 55
" 29,	To cash from treasury to balance acct.		98 48
			$2,365 03

BROOK R. CAME,
THOMAS JONES,
AARON S. WILKINS,
} Overseers of Poor.

AMHERST, March 2, 1876.—We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

PERLEY DODGE,
H. E. WOODBERRY,
} Auditors.

Inventory of Personal Property at the Town Farm.

13 Cows,	$800 00
1 Bull, .	18 00
13 Sheep,	63 00
2 horses,	250 00
35 Hens,	25 00
3 Hogs,	44 00
2 Swarms Bees,	10 00
14 Tons English Hay,	280 00
14 Tons Stock Hay,	140 00
1 1-2 Tons shorts,	35 40
50 Bushels Corn on the ear,	24 00
6 Bushels Rye,	7 50
80 Bushels Potatoes,	40 00
225 Bushels Roots,	57 00
3 1-2 Bushels Beans,	7 00
20 Cans and Fruit,	15 00
240 lbs. Salt Pork and Hams.	48 00
50 Lbs. Corned Beef,	5 00
Soap Grease,	2 00
Lard,	4 00
Molasses,	1 65
Pickles,	1 00
Walnuts,	2 00
Flour,	2 00
Sugar,	2 80
Tallow and Candles,	2 25
Butter,	3 00
Salt,	30
Coffee and Spices,	1 50
Starch,	70
Corn Meal,	1 00
Wool and Rolls,	17 50
Lumber,	30 00
Farming Tools,	400 00
Carriages, Robes and Harnesses,	150 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The public or common school system of New England, from its very commencement has been watched with jealous eyes from every part of the civilized world; for within it they apprehended a power, a power that they could not comprehend. They felt that, "*Vox populi, Vox Dei,*" and so unlike the power of popes, monarchs, and kings, that they feared, and fear is the mother of jealousy. If we enjoy political liberties and religious toleration, it is because of intellectual culture, until the mind is so developed, that we not only understand every element and the laws of combination which enter our physical being, but can trace from the effects of science, the immutable laws as they emanate from the throne of infinite wisdom. It was no delusion in the minds of those noble men, the founders of our government, who were so far disrobed of superstition, jealousy and skepticism, to concieve of that heaven born principle, that the masses could be so far educated in our common schools, as to warrant them a democratic form of government, whose power and strength exists in the intelligence of the governed. And, scholars of 1876, may your intelligence and integrity add to its moral strength and glory, and may it continue generation after generation until it becomes a Pharos to the inhabitants of the globe. "*Sient patribus, sit Dens nobs.*" In rendering a report of the schools this year, it will not be out of place if I should make an allusion to the early schools of this town. Through the kindness of Dea. Boylston and others, I am enabled to trace quite correctly the educational history of Amherst. The first definite contract for employing a teacher to teach their children was in 1771, between Daniel Campbell, of Amherst, Samuel McKean, John Secombe, William and Joseph Small. This it appears was an evening school of four weeks, that is, said Campbell was to teach every afternoon from six to nine, and was kept at the house of John Secombe, grandparent of Levi Secombe. This school was kept on the same spot where Mr. Levi Secombe now lives. The sum paid for the teacher was twenty shillings lawful money of Great Britian. From 1771 up to 1775, there was small appropriation each year for schooling. From

1775 to 1780, very little if any. The first permanent division of the town into school districts was in 1804. In 1800 the amount of money raised in this town for the support of schools was $500. This year the amount of school money raised and paid out to the several districts is $2,754.90. The question naturally arises, does the improvement keep pace with the increase of money? The exact time when school houses were erected in this town, I am unable to determine; but I do find that in 1773 the town was asked to vote on the question of erecting school-houses and refused so to do by dismissing the article. With these hints of the condition and privilege of scholars one hundred years ago, compared with the improvements of the present time, we hope to stimulate the scholars to a just appreciation of the privileges they now enjoy. The number of scholars returned to me by the selectmen between the ages of four and seventeen, are 208, boys 102, girls 106, and the whole number of weeks schooling in the town are 285 which is equivalent to more than five years and a half at an expense of $2,754 90. Not all of this sum has been paid for teaching, if all expended. Wood bills and other incidental expenses of each district must be deducted. In consideration of these facts, I would suggest the propriety of our several school committee employing as far as practical, for teachers, young men and women of our own town. The condition of the schools this year does not probably materially differ from last. In boundaries there has been a change in two districts. That portion of district No. 3 owned and occupied by Messrs. Sawtelle, Wilkins & Reed, has been set off and the same united to district No. 1. The school-houses are all in excellent condition with a few exceptions. District No. 5 has recently expended $100 in repairing the house and putting in new seats. A very great error is committed in the height of those seats. The first visit I made to that school not half of the scholars could sit back in their seats and touch their feet to the floor. It is very tiresome for little children to sit upon seats with their feet dangling. Districts 3, 7, and 10 should have their blackboards re-painted.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

E. R. Burtt, Committee.

This has been very successfully managed. Teachers the same as last year, Miss Sarah F. Stevens, of Wilton, Grammar department,

and Miss Mary F. Bosworth, of Amherst, Primary department. They each possess in an eminent degree the ability to govern and qualifications to teach, the evidence of which was witnessed at their examination. This school has many promising scholars in each department. The condition of the scholars in the Grammar department is very different from three years ago. They had evidently suffered much from incompetent and flattering teachers. Pronounciation was very bad. Definitions never thought of. Rules half given, nor were these the worst fault—many absolute errors. In speaking of this no reflection is designed upon the scholars but upon designing, flattering and unqualified teachers. To-day your scholars are an honor to the district and town. The fall term of the Primary department was taught by Miss Elnora F. Bosworth, of North Chelmsford, Mass.—This was her second term in town. The average number of scholars in each department and each term, is about 30. The whole number attending the winter term of the Grammar school was 42. I think a good, thorough going male teacher should be employed in the future, to take charge of the Grammar school in this district.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT, TEACHER, SARAH F. STEVENS.

Summer Term	12	weeks,	$12.00 per week,	$144.00	
Fall	" 10	"	12.00 per week,	120.00	
Winter	" 10	"	13.00 per week,	130.00	
Amount,				———	$394.00

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, TEACHERS, MARY E. & ELNORA F. BOSWORTH.

Summer Term	12	weeks,	$11.00 per week,	$132.00	
Fall	" 10	"	10.00 per week,	100.00	
Winter	" 10	"	12.00 per week,	120.00	
Amount,				———	$352.00

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Cornelius Brannan, Committee.

This district, by raising $100 extra among themselves, has 26 weeks schooling, divided into two terms. The summer term was taught by Miss Annah E. Adams. I noticed in the register she had taught 40 months before this term. Fall term, Miss Belle G. French. Better discipline is needed here.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miles J. Merrill, Committee.

First term taught by Mrs. Mary A. Merrill, of Amherst, and Miss Bessie Fuller, of Merrimack. Mrs. Merrill is an excellent, thorough teacher, and has had much experience. Miss Fuller did well, and her examinations were very interesting. Second term by Miss Ella F. Fuller, of Merrimack, and third term by Miss Bessie Fuller, which was her second term in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mr. N. P. Batchelder, Committee.

Both terms in this district were taught by Miss Marion E. Center, of Wilton. The scholars made a fair degree of improvement. One good feature in this school is, they are ready and willing to answer when questioned, even if incorrectly. The labors of the teacher were appreciated by the parents, an example worthy of mention. This school appears to be one of the most easily governed in town, yet they have contracted some very erroneous habits which will require on their part an extra effort to overcome. I refer to reading.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

John A. Ober, Committee.

The summer term was taught by Miss Fannie L. Boynton, of Milford, fall term by Miss Hattie E. Farley, of Nashua, and winter term by W. F. Tilton, of Rumney. All very good teachers. There is a chance for improvement in this school in the direction of discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

James M. Jackson, Committee.

First term was taught by Miss Lottie E. Converse, of this town. Her first attempt. She did well. Second term, Miss Cora E. Knight. This was her second term. She is an energetic and thorough-going teacher. Third term of four weeks by Miss Charlotte E. Robbins. This was "short and sweet," especially for those who love sweetening.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Henry H. Parkhurst, Committee.

Miss Cora E. Knight, of Amherst taught the first term. This was

her first effort. She kept excellent order and the scholars learned well. The winter term was taught by Mr. Edward J. Upton, of Amherst, a beginner in the profession, but he betrayed some excellent traits. He kept a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Henry W. Secombe, Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Viola R. Clarke, of this town.—She is among our best teachers in Amherst. A good school,thorough, and all well pleased with results.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Harrison Plummer, Committee.

First and second terms were taught by Miss Ella M. Jones, of New Boston. This district has the smallest number of scholars in town. They seemed to have learned well. Winter term was taught by Mr. Frank F. Smith, of Manchester. This was his first effort. He succeeded. The scholars all liked him and they learned well. He returns home with the good wishes of both parents and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Albert E. Chickering, Committee.

Miss Elnora E. Bosworth, of North Chelmsford, Mass., taught the first term. She is a careful, considerate teacher. Experience is all that is needed. Winter term by Miss Clara M. Crooker, of Amherst, who is also a beginner, but promises well.

DISTRICT NOS. 11 and 12

Are fractional parts with which I had nothing to do.

Text Books.—National Reader and Speller, Monroe's Reader, Guyot's Geography, Eaton,s Arithmetic, Greene's and Swinton's Grammar, Robinson's Algebra, Quackenbos' Natural Philosophy, Wells' Philosophy, Quackenbos' History of the United States, and Scott's smaller History of United States.

B. H. BARTLETT.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	No. of Weeks.	Wages per month.	The Amount paid for Teaching in each District.	No. weeks of Schooling in each district.	Amount drawn from the Treasurer by each Committee.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Times Tardy.	Reading.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Penmanship.	History.	Philosophy.	Algebra.	Composition.	Physiology.	Visits of Supt. Com.	Visits of Prud. Com.	Visits of Citizens.
No.1.	S.	12	$48	$394	32	$922 32	29	27	9	29	29	29	3	21	29			7	29		5	2	24
	F.	10	48				33	30	21	33	33	33	3	30	33	25		10	33		4	1	24
	W.	10	52				41	38	21	41	41	41	3	34	41	21	9	20			5	3	18
	S.	12	44		32		36	33	34	36	36	24	14	7	19						3	2	41
	F.	10	40	352			36	31	84	36	36	29	11	4	16						3	1	25
	W.	10	48				34	33	32	34	34	28	12	5	18						2	3	75
No.2.	S.	12	28		26	212 39	33	26	44	33	33	16	3	3	14						3	5	9
	W.	14	30				39	23	150	39	39	26	4	3	8	1					3	3	14
No.3.	S.	10	28		34	286 98	17	14	5	15	17	10	3	2	10						2	2	18
	F.	10	30	264			16	13	4	12	16	12	4	3	10						2	1	20
	W.	14	34				14	12	11	12	14	13	5	5	12						2	2	21
No.4.	S.	10	28	154	22	185 70	20	18	4	20	20	17	10	10	12	8		2	11	2	2	1	37
	W.	12	28				18	15	11	18	18	16	8	11	8	6		2	11	2	2	2	28
No.5.	S.	7	26	117	23	211 24	9	8		9	8	8									2		
	F.	11	26				12	9	4	12	9	7		3							2		4
	W.	11					21	15	3	21	16	13									2		15
No.6.	S.	10	24	178	26	181 09	22	18	18	22	22	13	11	4	11						2		23
	F.	12	28				23	21	21	23	23	15	10	5	17						4	4	17
	W.	4	34				15	12	3	15	12	13	8	5	12	12					1	1	10
No.7.	S.	12	28	179 33	25	194 88	26	20	26	26	16	15	14	3	15	10				8	3	2	39
	W.	13	28				25	20	51	25	23	21	17	3	16					2	3	2	46
No.8.	S.	10	30	157 50	21	145 53	17	16	11	17	17	11	6	4	12						2		3
	W.	11	30				18	17		17	18	13	9	5	12					4	4		3
No.9.	S.	8	26	229	22	214 66	17	16	11	17	17	11	6	4	3	1	5				2		18
	F.	8	30				18	17		17	18	13	11	5	4	1	5				2		8
	W.	13	36				21	15	90	21	21	17	11	8	13	5	4	2	3	3	2		20
No.10.	S.	10	24	141	23	129 90	16	14	65	16	16	9	6	2	7		2	1	4	1	5		20
	W.	13	28				23	20		20	17	17	6	2	15	3	2			1	4		11
No.11.				39 40		39 40																	
No.12.				30 81		30 81																	